

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims as indicated below:

Claims 1-22 (canceled)

23. (new) A drum, comprising:

a resonant chamber having an external surface capable of being struck by a player of said drum, said external surface being able to produce a range of sounds; and,
means for altering said range of sounds produced by the player when striking said external surface.

24. (new) The drum according to Claim 23, wherein said external surface of said resonant chamber is sufficiently thin for causing said external surface to vibrate when struck by the player.

25. (new) The drum according to Claim 23, wherein said drum has six sides with each side of said six sides being rectangular in shape.

26. (new) The drum according to Claim 23, wherein said resonant chamber has a surface opposite said external surface that has an aperture therethrough.

27. (new) The drum according to Claim 26, further comprising a tunable extension passing through the aperture in said surface opposite said external surface for altering frequency of said range of sounds produced by the player when striking said external surface.

28. (new) The drum according to Claim 23, wherein said means for altering said range of sounds produced by the player when striking said external surface includes a plurality of internal snares able to be brought into contact with an internal surface of said external surface, thereby altering said range of sounds.

29. (new) The drum according to Claim 28, wherein said plurality of internal snares comprise a plurality of thin elongated members lying substantially parallel to, and having spacing between, one another and abutting, or adjacent with, said internal surface.

30. (new) The drum according to Claim 28, wherein said plurality of internal snares are flexible.

31. (new) The drum according to Claim 28, further comprising means for moving said plurality of internal snares away from said internal surface.

32. (new) The drum according to Claim 31, wherein said means for moving said plurality of internal snares away from said internal surface includes a member passing beneath said plurality of internal snares, along a length thereof and movable between a first position and a second position, wherein said plurality of internal snares about said internal surface in said first position and, in said second position, said plurality of internal snares are displaced from said internal surface.

33. (new) The drum according to Claim 32, wherein said member passing beneath said plurality of internal snares has an extension that extends beyond said resonant chamber is manipulable by the player for modifying said plurality of internal

snares.

34. (new) The drum according to Claim 28, wherein said plurality of internal snares are wires.

35. (new) The drum according to Claim 28, wherein said plurality of internal snares extend between two sides of said internal surface.

36. (new) The drum according to Claim 23, further comprising a bass drum stick withn said resonant chamber, said bass drum stick having a handle and a head with an end of said handle positioned distal from said head being mounted for partial rotation, so that said head is able to be selectively brought into contact with an inner surface of said resonant chamber in a striking manner.

37. (new) The drum according to Claim 36, further comprising means for biassing said head of said bass drum stick away from said inner surface of said resonant chamber.

38. (new) The drum according to Claim 36, further comprising a foot pedal operable by the player for causing said partial rotation of said head of said bass drum stick for causing said head to strike said inner surface.

39. (new) The drum according to Claim 23, further comprising:
a sound effects board for producing a sound otherwise produced by an instrument separate from said drum; and,

means for attaching said sound effects board to said drum.

40. (new) The drum according to Claim 39, wherein said means for attaching said sound effects board to said drum includes means for attaching said sound effects board to said external surface of said resonant chamber.

41. (new) The drum according to Claim 39, wherein said sound effects board includes a plurality of snares attached to a back side thereof.

42. (new) The drum according to Claim 39, where said sound effects board includes a plurality of tambourine jingles attached to a back side thereof.

43. (new) The drum according to Claim 39, wherein said sound effects board is fitted via said means for attaching said sound effects board to said drum adjacent a corner of said external surface of said resonant chamber and is shaped as a segment of a circle and of a size that does not obstruct striking of said external surface.